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SUBJECT: RUDE PRAVO ON GOLD

1. RUDE PRAVO JANUARY 10 CARRIES FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL UPBRAIDING U.S. FOR "AN ACT OF GROSS AND SHAMELESS POLITICAL BLACKMAIL" IN PREVENTING RETURN OF CZECHOSLOVAK GOLD, AND CRITICIZING THE U.S. TRADE ACT, WHICH IT DESCRIBES AS A "HEAVY BARRIER IN THE WAY OF IMPROVING THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION" AND A VIOLATION OF THE "LETTER AS WELL AS THE SPIRIT OF THE FINAL ACT OF CSCE".

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, SAME RUDE PRAVO EDITION CARRIES A CTK DISPATCH FROM WASHINGTON ON JANUARY 8 NEWS CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER WITH MORE THAN NORMAL OBJECTIVITY, NOTING PREISDENT-ELECT'S HOPE OF MAKING PROGRESS ON LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMS AND OF IMPROVING U.S. ECONOMIC SITUATION.

3. COMMENT: GOC APPEARS STILL TO BE TAKING CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE TOWARD INCOMING ADMINISTRATION, WHILE CLEARLY POINTING TO RESOLUTION OF THE LONGSTANDING CLAIMS/GOLD PROBLEM AS THE PIVOTAL QUESTION IN US-GOC RELATIONS AND INDICATING THAT CONTINUING U.S. "TRADE DISCRIMINATION" WILL BE AN ITEM CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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